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SUBJ: VISIT OF PCF'S MARCHAIS TO ROMANIA

1. VISITING FRENCH CP CHIEF GEORGES MARCHAIS GOT RED-CARPET TREATMENT DURING EIGHT-DAY VISIT TO ROMANIA AUGUST 5-12, INCLUDING AT LEAST THREE SESSIONS WITH CEAUSESCU, DINNER HOSTED BY CEAUSESCU AND WIFE ELENA FOR MARCHAIS AND SPOUSE, ANOTHER CEAUSESCU DINNER FOR TWO DOZEN VISITING FOREIGN COMMUNISTS WHERE MARCHAIS WAS FOREMOST GUEST, FORMAL JOINT COMMUNIQUE RELEASED AUGUST 13, AND FRONT-PAGE PRESS COVERAGE.

2. SOME NUANCES OF COMMUNIQUE (ASSUME AVAILABLE TO ADDRESSEES) ON INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST MOVEMENT COULD BE INTERPRETED AS ENCOURAGING FOR ROMANIAN POSITION. COMMUNIQUE AFFIRMED DECISION BY RCP AND PCF TO "CONTRIBUTE TO CAUSE OF UNITY" OF MOVEMENT (RATHER THAN "NOTING IMPORTANCE OF "MOVEMENT'S "UNITY AND SOLIDARITY" AS BREZHNEV AND MARCHAIS DID JULY 27 (PRAVDA JULY 29) AND INCLUDED REFERENCE TO "PRINCIPLES" OF 1969 MOSCOW SUMMIT OF CP'S (OMITTED BY BREZHNEV-MARCHAIS). ROMANIANS HAVE MAINTAINED "UNITY" IS INCOMPATIBLE WITH CONDEMNATION OR CRITICISM OF INDIVIDUAL PARTIES. COMMUNIQUE ALSO INTRODUCED THEME OF ANOTHER EQUALLY IMPORTANT KIND OF

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UNITY, THAT OF "ALL DEMOCRATIC AND PROGRESSIVE FORCES"

TO WHICH RCP AND PCF ARE TO CONTRIBUTE "BOLDLY WITH SPIRIT OF INITIATIVE" (OMITTED BY BREZHNEV-MARCHAIS).

3. HOWEVER, COMMUNIQUE REFERS EXPLICITLY TO ROMANIAN-PROMOTED PRINCIPLES OF INDEPENDENCE AND SOVEREIGNTY ONLY IN CONTEXT OF CSCE AND THIRD WORLD AND NOT IN COMMUNIST MOVEMENT. MOREOVER COMMUNIQUE'S PLAYING UP DARKER SIDE OF DETENTE -- "RESISTANCE OF MILITARISTIC AND REACTIONARY FORCES TO DETENTE AND PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE" AND CONTINUED NEED FOR "INTENSE POLITICAL AND IDEOLOGICAL CLASS STRUGGLE" -- HAS GENERALLY NOT BEEN HIGHLIGHTED BY RCP IN PAST.

4. VISIT SEEMS TO US TO MARK COMEWHAT WARMER STAGE OF RELATIONS BETWEEN FRENCH AND ROMANIAN PARTIES AS WELL AS AT LEAST PARTIAL MEETING OF MINDS ON INTER-COMMUNIST RELATIONS. WHETHER THIS MEANS THAT MARCHAIS, COMING DIRECTLY FROM USSR POSSIBLY AS BROKER BETWEEN BREZHNEV AND CEAUSESCU ON ISSUE OF EUROPEAN OR WORLD CONFERENCES OF CP'S, BROUGHT ASSURANCES SUFFICIENT TO LURE CEAUSESCU CLOSER TO SUCH MEETINGS REMAINS TO BE SEEN. COMMUNIQUE SEEMINGLY IMPLIES THAT NEITHER PCF NOR RCP WISH TO TAKE PART IN ANY CONCLAVE WHICH MIGHT FURTHER DAMAGE "UNITY" OF MOVEMENT. IN ANY CASE, CEAUSESCU PRESUMABLY MADE EVERY EFFORT TO ENCOURAGE MORE INDEPENDENT FRENCH STAND AND TO IMPROVE TIES WITH KEY WEST EUROPEAN PARTY.  
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